



# North West Kent Family History Society

(Covering N W Kent and ancient Kent parishes now in S E London)

## BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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### Forthcoming Meetings

**Bromley Branch** meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS.

Doors are open 9.45am and, prior to the meeting starting at 10.30am, members have an opportunity to browse the exchange journals, bookstall and library tables. Advice is available on problems regarding research, including computing. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, then we would request that they apply for membership.

Today - "Bromley's Conscientious Objectors" by Janet DIGBY.

19<sup>th</sup> Nov – "A History of British Music Halls – How they began, rose in popularity, and declined 1850 to 1950", by Alan BAKER

December – No Meeting

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**Dartford Branch** meetings are held at Dartford Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY on the first Saturday of the month. Doors are open from 9.45am; the meeting starts at 10.30am.

5<sup>th</sup> Nov – "Third Afghan War 1919 - 94 days of unwanted conflict", by Glen JONES

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – "A Country House Christmas" by Pat MORTLOCK

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**Sevenoaks Branch** meetings are held at Sevenoaks Community Centre, located in Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN Junction with Crampton Rd (close to the A25 Bat & Ball junction) on the second Thursday of the month. Doors are open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – "For the High Jump." The story of capital punishment in Britain, by John MILLS

8<sup>th</sup> Dec – "The Curious History of Christmas food from Yorkshire pies to 12<sup>th</sup> night cake" by Peter ROSS

### Society Library Workshops

Workshops are run on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 at the society's Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE. A£5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

Next Workshop Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Writing Family Histories** - This led-discussion group will not tell you how to write or even how to write up your family history but will help you to think widely about communicating your research to your chosen audience. Pauline is not an expert at family history research but enjoys words, attends a creative writing group and edits our journal. It would be helpful to bring a simple family tree of three generations or more, hand sketched is fine, and a timeline of events from the life of one of your ancestors. - Leader Pauline HEATHCOTE.

Followed by Wednesday 16 November 2016

**Brick Walls - Thinking Outside the Box** - Mind Maps and other Methods This workshop will try to suggest methods of thinking about how to overcome those 'brick walls' that every family historian meets. It will use the attendees' own stumbling blocks to discuss sources, how to set out the known facts and suggest research to help solve the problem. Attendees' submitted brick walls will be used as case studies. - Leader David CUFLEY.

For further details, please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email to [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

### PROJECTS

#### **Cudham Parish Registers**

Transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is proceeding very well, and some checking has been started.

But we still need some more volunteers to check the transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and volunteer.



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### The Society Website

At present the problems are still being sorted out. Further news will be published when the problems have been resolved.

### NWKFHS Calendar 2017

The Calendars **are now on sale** at branch meetings and Society events, for £4.50 each. For orders by post contact [chair@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nwkhfs.org.uk).

The names of the Competition winners will be published in the December Journal.

### **BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS**

In order for your Branch meetings to run smoothly in the future **more volunteers are required** as task-holders.

**Exchange Journals** - We have had an offer of storage in Beckenham, but we **still** require someone to transport them to and from meetings, perhaps on a rota basis.

Please talk to any committee member to see how you can help to run the Branch.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We have booked at "The Crown" on Bromley Common for Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm for 20 people. Two courses £9.90. Three courses £13.49.

We will need to know any special needs or diets

Please contact Janet or Ellen.

Parking is £1.00 for 3 Hours.

### THE BOOKSTALL

Because of the cost of transporting the books between the three venues, and the low level of sales, the society has looked at the viability of running a bookstall at each venue each month. It has been decided that at Bromley and Sevenoaks the book stall will only be available on alternate months.

**Bromley: September, November, January & March.**

**Sevenoaks: October, December, February & April.**

### Bookstall Xmas Sale

All books will be half price at the October and November meetings. Great for Xmas presents or just treat yourself.

### Family History Talks

The Society needs more people willing to talk to other groups about basic Family History and the NWKFHS. Presentations can be provided.

If you would like to know more please talk to any trustee or contact the NWKFHS Publicity Officer Mike WEEKS, [publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk)

### Bromley Borough Local History Society

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.

**1st November** - A Beckenham family's WW1 archive. (Aura Hargreaves)

**6th December** - History of some London shops. (Susan Jenkinson)

For further details, contact Mike WEEKS.

### Bromley Local Studies Library

The Local Studies Library on the second floor of Bromley Central Library is **now open** and back in business, after its recent temporary closure.

### Irish Research

Family Tree Magazine for November, highlighted the General Register Office of Ireland's **free** state run family history website [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie).

The online records at present cover, 1864-1915 births, 1882-1940 marriages and 1891-1965 deaths. You can view and download the **actual** register entries.

#### Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat\* – Programme Organiser  
Helen Daniels\* – Refreshments/E.C. Rep  
Pete Crawley\* - Finance Officer/Newsletter  
David Carter – Genealogy Advice/Problems  
Caroline Blackett\* – Minutes/Projects  
Jennifer Peel – Sign-in Desk  
Janet Akehurst\* – Secretary/Bookstall  
Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.  
Carol Clayton\*

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